(c) There are 505 applicants of Janakpuri who registered prior to 30-9-82 and are awaiting new Telephone connections.

Instructions regarding Boarding on DTC Buses

3348. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some instructions to allow lady passengers, children and old people to board the DTC buses from exit gate; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether these instructions which were earlier written on right side of exit gates of the DTC buses have since been defaced in all the buses;

(c) whether Government are also aware the drivers of DTC are not allowing the passengers mentioned in part (a) above to board the buses from the exit gates;

(d) whether Government propose to reinforce these instructions through media to benefit the passengers;

(e) whether Government also propose to make some mobile arrangements to take action against such drivers not complying with these instructions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There are standing instructions by DTC to their drivers since 6-6-1988, to allow only lady passengers to board the buses from the exit gate. These instructions are repeated and monitored from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) While normally the lady passengers are permitted by drivers to board DTC buses from the exit gate, some stray cases of deviations are possible. In order to see that instructions are complied with, the mobile checking squads and members of supervisory staff of DTC have been posted at important points to ensure that lady passengers are allowed to board the buses from the exit gate. DTC mobile squads consist of a fleet of 9 mini buses, 8 jeeps, one matador and 4 motor-cycles. Besides, 224 members of Traffic Supervisory Staff are manning the mobile squads, 520 additional members of traffic supervisory staff have been deputed on foot checking and other allied duties on line. In the event of receipt of complaint and on the reports of checking staff, suitable departmental action is taken against erring driver.

Since the instructions to drivers are repeated from time to time and the written notice on the right side of the exit gates of DTC buses to allow lady passengers, is well-displayed and further the checking staff has been instructed to ensure compliance, reinforcement of instructions through other means is not considered necessary.

SAARC Summit

3349. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fifth summit of SAARC is to be held at Male during November, 1990; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what issues are likely to be highlighted by Government during this summit;

(c) whether Government propose to hold such summit at New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b) The Fifth SAARC is going to be held in the Maldives in November, 1990. At this Summit, progress made in promoting regional cooperation will be reviewed and measures for further enhancing such cooperation will be discussed. At the Summit, the Government of India would emphasise the long-terms objectives of regional cooperation in the context of